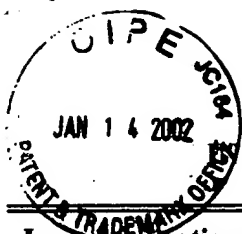


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In re Application of: F. DiCaprio et al  
Serial No.: 09/970458  
Filed: October 2, 2001  
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1. In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:  
**Preliminary Amendment; VAS Transmittal Letter; and Postcard.**

2. With respect to fees:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$
- ☐ Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

3. **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

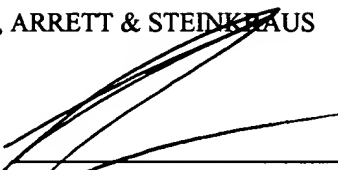
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